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FCC Communications Commission Electronic Comment

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may use the following text provided by AIVF, and if you

which you feel that your freedom to access adequate

content has been compromised because of media concentration,

comments as well.

Commissioners of the FCC,

comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of

## FCC Action

Please follow these

1.) Click here to launch the  
Form

2.) In the "Proceeding"

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comment. If you wish, you

have personal experiences in

information, or submit

you should include those

To the Honorable

I am writing to you today to

ownership rules. I am voicing my support to retain all the the FCC's broadcast media  
FCC rules in question. These  
rules set limits on concentration of the broadcast industry  
and serve the public  
interest by preserving diversity of ownership in the broadcast  
marketplace. These rules  
are; The Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule, The  
Broadcast-Newspaper Cross  
Ownership Ban, The National Television Ownership Rule,  
The Duopoly Rule for Radio,  
The Local Television Ownership Rule, and The Dual  
Network Rule.

on informed debate and discussion of current events, both  
The great privilege to carry  
locally and globally, is  
part of the founding philosophy of this country. If the avenues for  
sharing information are  
restricted to very few, then I fear that the quality of the  
information presented will  
decay. What is the value of varied information sources when  
they are controlled by a  
single voice?

media, I know first hand the importance of freedom of  
As a creator of independent  
expression. The ability to  
say things that are potentially challenging to audiences at  
large, or possibly critical  
of society's sacred cows and special interests, lies at the heart  
of the independent media  
maker's business. Already it is difficult to work outside the  
established system. If the  
channels to a potential audience - be they cable  
programming channels, local  
television stations, or even newspapers that promote and  
review independent works -  
fall into the hands of even fewer corporate owners, sharing  
my work or the work of any  
independent artist will become much harder.

commercial interest inevitably compromises the public  
In such an environment, the  
interest. The FCC has rules  
limiting ownership to preserve the ecology of a healthy  
marketplace of ideas. If the  
FCC undermines this ecology by removing the rules, it  
undermines the future health  
of the marketplace of information.

Congress and the Supreme  
Court have long recognized that a functioning democracy  
depends on a media open to  
independent and unconventional news and a varied  
entertainment media. Media  
makers working outside the corporate environment

continually provide content  
that is so defined. This unconventionality and variety that  
stimulates the American  
people both causes us to constantly question the status quo,  
and facilitates the ability  
of Americans to speak with one another. If we exist in an  
environment in which our  
news outlets have merged together, both print and  
broadcast, our ability to  
open informed discussion is restricted.

I urge you to rule in the  
public interest on this matter. The public interest will be served  
by preserving the FCC's  
Broadcast Media ownership rules.

Thank you,  
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